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Applicants : Chang et al. Confirmation No.: 6448
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Art Unit : 1618
Examiner : Dameron L. Jones

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This *Amendment and Response* is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2006. Therefore, this *Amendment and Response* is timely filed.

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